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CALIFORNIA SECRETARY OF STATE **KEVIN SHELLEY**

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## **Secretary of State Kevin Shelley Issues Directive to Counties**

SACRAMENTO—Secretary of State Kevin Shelley today directed county elections officials to verify and report by July 23<sup>rd</sup> all signatures received on recall petitions through July 16<sup>th</sup> pursuant to a preliminary court order issued yesterday.

“I am advising the counties to comply with the court’s preliminary interpretation of state law,” Shelley said. “Waiting for a final ruling would unduly slow down the process.”

Shelley said he believes that his initial advice to the counties was correct. He plans to file court papers this week seeking future guidance on county reporting requirements.

“It is important to proceed with the verification process in a timely and accurate fashion,” said Shelley.

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